

GRADING FUND IS ABOUT EXHAUSTED CLAIMS REYNOLDS

Commissioner of Streets Tells Council Financial Aid Is Necessary.

\$1,000 IS NOW REQUIRED

Resolution to Take Sum From Local Improvement Work Opposed by Mayor H. M. Schriver.

"Unless I get some immediate relief there will be no more grading done in Rock Island this year," declared Commissioner R. R. Reynolds yesterday afternoon at the weekly meeting of the city commission. "The grading fund has been exhausted, and I offer a resolution providing that \$1,000 from the local improvement fund be transferred to my department for this specific work."

Commissioner Reynolds went on to explain that the \$2,500 which had been appropriated for grading had been practically been disposed of by the time the big job on Thirty-eighth street, caused by the slide of earth into the street and a block on Thirty-second street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth avenues, had been taken care of.

"In some instances the city has been forced to sidewalk, yet they cannot be laid until grading has been done," he continued. "I have used so much of the general street appropriation for the purpose, there is only left enough to carry the street work through the winter. There are continual calls for grading work that ought to be done. Now is the time to do it. I believe that if some of the local improvement fund is turned over for this work, the problem will be solved."

Mayor Opposes.

"I certainly am opposed to robbing one fund to benefit another, unless a real emergency exists," announced Mayor Schriver. "The board of local improvements has some projects in view. I don't know how much they will cost, but I do not think it wise to turn over any of this fund until later in the year. The street department has been given the largest appropriation in the history of the city. Last year the board of local improvements was embarrassed in its work because of a lack of money. This year a larger sum was granted, and I would not favor its transfer to any other department until it is seen there is a surplus. In that case I would want it to go where it would do the most good."

"Understand this is not for the general fund of my department," replied Commissioner Reynolds. "It is for the definite and specific purpose of grading, which must be done now, if it is to be done at all this year. Some of these petitions for grading have been in for six months or a year, but they must be disregarded unless this sum from the local improvements work is available."

"I would be in favor of the plan, if the dirt removed is placed at the ball park for the city's use," said Commissioner Rudgren.

Commissioner Reynolds' motion was seconded, but the matter was finally withdrawn for a week, in order that the contemplated work can be inspected by the commission.

Hold Up License.

After the commission by a vote of 2 to 2, Commissioners Bear and Rudgren voting no, had decided to grant a license to Ed Collier to operate

a saloon at 1507 Second avenue, which had been closed on order of the mayor. Commissioner Reynolds announced he desired to change his vote from yes to no. The mayor secured the consent of the second to his motion to grant the permit and the entire matter was withdrawn from the records with the understanding it will be taken up next week.

"I have nothing personal against the applicant," explained Commissioner Reynolds, "but I desire a little more time to investigate."

It will be remembered that on Aug. 31 Mayor Schriver ordered the saloon in question closed, on the ground that W. L. Freeman, who was operating the place, did not have a license. The permit had been issued to Fred Bennett, who in turn had sold it to Freeman, who neglected to have the license transferred. When complaints were made relative to the way the saloon was run, and it was found a woman was harbored upstairs, the mayor promptly ordered the place closed. Now Mr. Collier is attempting to secure a license to open up the place.

Another Saloon Fight.

A second clash over the issuance of a saloon license came when Mayor Schriver offered a resolution that Herman Bledsoe be not granted a license at 831 Fifth avenue. Commissioner Hart seconded the resolution, but after a vigorous debate this was also laid over for a week for investigation.

A week ago the same matter was up. The place has been run by Joe Hollenbach. Bledsoe claims he has already paid \$525 down on the business, and is anxious to get his license.

"I have looked up this man, and do not think he is a proper person to handle a dramshop," was the statement of Mayor Schriver.

Where is the applicant, asked Commissioner Reynolds. "He has never appeared before the commission, has he? I surely will not favor granting a license to any man who won't take the trouble to come here where we can interview him."

"I am not in a position to vote one way or another in this case," complained Commissioner Rudgren. "I want more time to investigate." The suggestion was followed.

OVERTURNED TAR TANK CAUSES MUCH TROUBLE

Hot tar covered the intersection of Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street yesterday afternoon and caused a great deal of woe. The leading sufferer from the inconvenience was the Lewis Roofing company, which furnished the tar. Auto owners who happened to pass that way immediately after the spill, and the employees and patrons of the Watch Tower street car line also were considerably "put out."

It all happened because a burr on a wheel came off. The big tar tank wagon of the Lewis company was being hauled down Fourth avenue from the plant, bearing hot tar for the paving being laid on Seventh street. A burr on the right rear wheel came off at the point mentioned and the top heavy tank wagon promptly overturned. The driver had time to leap to safety, but the tar poured out of the opening in the top of the tank and quickly covered the pavement.

After some difficulty the wagon was gotten off the car tracks, where it had fallen. Till this was done the Watch Tower cars were forced to use the east track. Then a tackle was rigged and the big tank was hoisted to an upright position and the wheel returned to its place.

In the meantime automobiles got stuck in the viscous tar and the street car had a hard time of it. Each car in passing picked up a liberal supply of tar on the wheels. After it had run a short distance the tar would soften and then the wheels would slip. Cars which had no sand had great difficulty in moving.

It took a score of men with axes and shovels several hours to rather up the tar and place it in wagons to be hauled back and reheated. After all the efforts a great deal of it was left sticking to the brick.

Gigantic Gas Tank.

The largest of the many huge gas holders in existence is one completed in 1910 for the Newtown Gas company, borough of Queens, New York city. The holder is 251 feet in diameter and 275 feet high. Such is the height of this vast cylinder that it is a familiar landmark for many miles around New York city.

CITY COMMISSION IN WRANGLE OVER PAY OF LINEMEN

Rudgren Urges Contingent Fund Be Used in Paying for Wire Removal.

MAYOR STRONGLY OPPOSES

Schriver Thinks Sum Should Be Paid Out of \$1,800 Secured From Sale of Old Equipment.

Whether the city has a legal right to pay linemen who have been employed in removing the dangerous cable and wires of the defunct Union Electric Telephone company, with funds secured from the sale of the same, was seriously questioned yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the city commission, by Commissioner Rudgren, when a bill of \$202 for such services was under discussion.

The matter came up when Commissioner Rudgren offered a resolution providing that the same be paid out of the contingent fund. This drew an immediate protest from Mayor Schriver, who insisted there was no good reason why the men should not be paid from the fund of \$1,800 which is now on deposit in one of the banks, the proceeds from a sale of the copper wire and other equipment which has been dismantled.

Should Get Judgment.

"The city has no right to appropriate or dispose of the money secured from the sale," argued Commissioner Rudgren. "What the city ought to do is to go into court and get a judgment against the company for these bills. In the meantime I think these accounts should be paid. It will cost about \$2,000 to complete the work of tearing down the old equipment, and I do not intend to make myself liable for the disposition of this money, for I am confident that if a suit was started to recover, it would be against me alone."

"Your duties are merely ministerial," replied the mayor. "The city and not you personally would be liable. If this sum has got to come from the contingent fund, then I am opposed to further work on the project. The public will have to take a chance with the dangerous wires. We simply cannot afford to drain the contingent fund for this purpose. It would be ridiculous to have to go into court every time any of the bills in connection with the dismantling came up for payment. Suppose some one started an injunction, this would hold up the whole matter for 18 months."

Company Negligent.

"The city is simply doing what the company ought to do," said Commissioner Hart. "The company ought to take care of its wires. Since it is not doing it, the city is taking them down. Surely the city would not be liable under those conditions."

When the matter was put to a vote, it was found the mayor alone voted against the resolution providing that the money be taken out of the contingent fund. Mayor Schriver insisted that the work of dismantling should not continue if the linemen doing the work were to be paid out of the city's hard-earned cash, instead of out of the fund received from the disposal of the equipment.

A. J. Hill of the high school football team and Walter Flannigan of the Independents secured the promise of the city to prop up the fence at the ball park, temporarily. A new fence is to be constructed after the fire station is completed.

\$200 for Humane Work.

W. S. Parks and H. H. Robb appeared before the commission in behalf of a donation of \$200 for the Rock Island County Humane society. The council agreed to give this sum if the board of supervisors and the city of Moline would do likewise. The board gave the money, but fear of a turn-down prevented the presentation of the matter in Moline. However, the local commission ordered the sum paid, and now an attempt will be made to get a similar sum in the neighboring town.

Commissioner Hart was granted the right to take out \$5,000 insurance on fire station No. 4, recently erected. Commissioner Rudgren read an invitation from the American League of Municipalities to have a representative at the annual convention to be held in Milwaukee Sept. 29 to Oct. 2.

Mayor Schriver brought up the matter of advertising for bids for painting the Rock river bridges. The paint has been donated to the city by the Illinois Oil company, for the privilege of installing advertisements on the bridges. The mayor suggested that the bids should be opened by Oct. 3, in order to get the work done as soon as possible, but Commissioner Rudgren asked that the matter be held up for a week.

Complaints About Flood.

J. D. Beecher appeared before the commission to complain of the way water and mud covers the sidewalks on Eleventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. He discussed the havoc which the water has brought to the lower part of the city, and declared he had 24 tenants in that part of the city and that many of them were moving out because of the unsanitary conditions produced by the water. He declared it was the first time in 16 years that the cellars had been filled with water and he urged immediate action on the storm drain project, which was brought up a week ago. Mayor Schriver assured Mr. Beecher that as soon as an estimate of the cost for the sewer was secured from City Engineer Wallace Treichler, the matter would be attended to.

Sidewalk Ordinances.

The ordinance providing for the paving of Twentieth street, Seventeenth to Eighteenth avenue, introduced by Mayor Schriver, was lost for want of a second. The ordinance providing for the following sidewalks, was finally adopted: On the west side of Twentieth street between Eighteenth and Twentieth avenue; on east side of Twentieth street between Eighteenth and Twentieth avenue; on the south side of Eighteenth avenue between Twentieth and Twenty-sev-

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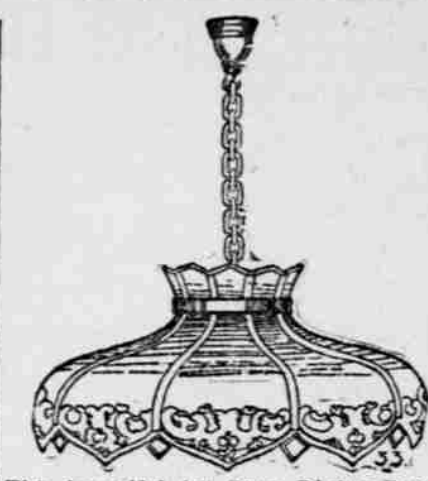
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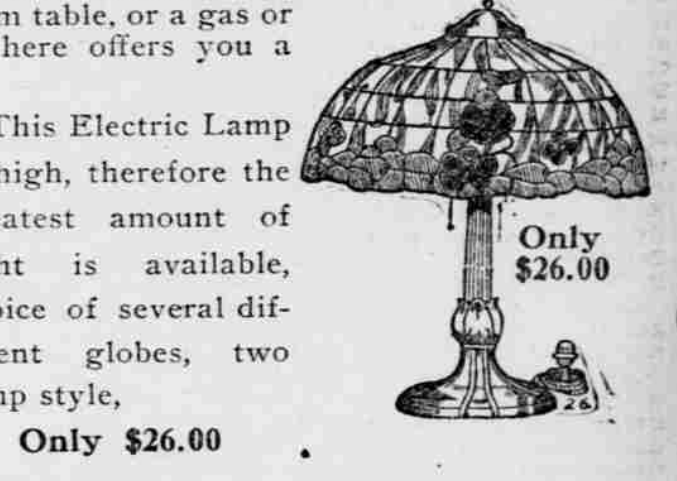
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County Farm Improvement League Arranges an Instructive Program.

In lieu of a county fair Scott county farmers are to have a picnic under the auspices of the Farm Improvement league at which there will be a display of products raised on the farms of the county and speakers will talk along the lines of scientific agriculture. The picnic will be held at the Orphans' home grounds next Friday.

Alfalfa, corn, potato and other agricultural exhibits will be especially strong this year. The farmer who has picked the most seed corn before that day on which the picnic is held will be given a special prize. Alfalfa growers will be asked to bring in samples of the first, second, third and fourth cuttings this year in order that the picnic visitors may see the value of the crop.

Digging of the potatoes on the Orphans' home grounds will be commenced today. The potatoes were planted in the experimental plots and with the exhibit in this class will be

a detailed statement as to methods of treatment and comparative yields.

Musie by the Orphans' Home band, talks by A. F. Dawson, president of the league, R. K. Hills, head of the Extension department of Ames college, games and sports and a big picnic dinner will be other features of the program.

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